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SUBJ: CYPRUS SITUATION

1. IT IS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE ACCURATE JUDGMENT FROM VANTAGE POINT OF ANKARA AS TO WHETHER WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ON CYPRUS MORNING JULY 24 REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT TURKISH MILITARY OPERATIONS OR SPORADIC INFRINGEMENTS OF THE CEASEFIRE. GOT STANCE APPEARS TO BE THAT BREACHES OF CEASEFIRE ARE BEING CARRIED OUT ON SMALL SCALE BY BOTH SIDES.

2. THERE IS GROWING UNDERCURRENT OF FEELING HERE THAT TURKISH MILITARY PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN LESS DISTINGUISHED THAN EXPECTED--DESPITE FACT THAT TURKISH OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND TURK PRESS CONTINUE TO REFER TO QTE GREAT VICTORY UNQTE. APPARENT PERSISTENCE OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTIVITY, WHETHER ON SMALL SCALE OR LARGE, MAY THEREFORE BE IN PART MOTIVATED BY DESIRE OF TURK MILITARY TO IMPROVE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN WANING HOURS OF STRUGGLE. POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL IMPELLANTS ARE (A) DESIRE TO CONNECT UP THE MAIN SAILENT WITH CERTAIN NEARBY TURKISH ENCLAVES AND (B) CONTINUED BITTERNESS OVER ALLEGED MASSACRE OF TURK
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